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SPECIAL STATEMENT FROM THE KDHSF

It is with regret that the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation confirms that Dr. Van Der Leden will be closing her practice at Kinmount and District Health Centre.

in December 2024, we celebrated the announcement of her arrival.
We are deeply saddened to learn that she will now be leaving. As a result, hundreds of Kinmount and area residents will once again be in need of a primary care provider.

The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation recognizes that this news is extremely disappointing for our community and remains committed to ongoing physician recruitment efforts. Updates will be shared as they become available.

Happy Birthday Kinmount April 1. Celebrating 167 YEARS!

Kinmount was officially recognized by the Government of Canada when a Canada Post Office opened April 1, in 1859. In 2009 at the 150th Birthday a grand celebration was held at the Post Office downtown, attended by a tremendous crowd in pouring rain!

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A.E. Botttum's Memories of Bobcaygeon1860-1950 *by Collette Ferguson*

Originally Published in the Peterborough Examiner, September 6, 1950.

"Me 90? Why I stopped counting birthdays years ago. Besides, I've been much too busy all my life to think about getting old," Remarked Albert Edward Bottum lifelong resident of Bobcaygeon, as he prepared to celebrate his 90th birthday to-day. Reputed to be one of the oldest men in the hardware business in Canada, Mr. Bottum has been associated with the present A.E. Bottum & Sons hardware store, on Bolton St. Bobcaygeon for the past 75 years.

I was born the day that the Prince of Wales (Albert Edward) visited Peterborough on September 6, 1860, and was named after him," continued the nonagenarian. "My father, Captain Elijah Bottum came to Bobcaygeon from Ogdensburg, New York, to operate the inland lakes steamboats. One of his boats 'Eva' was among the first propeller boats built. These craft were used to carry the mail, provisions and to tow log drives to the mills. They were also used as excursion boats.

Mr. Bottum was one of family of 5. 2 boys and 3 girls. He has one brother living, Captain W.H. Bottum of Belleville. He attended the Bobcaygeon Public School which at that time was built of logs. At the age of 16, he went to work from October to the following August in a lumber camp in Algonquin Park. The next year he took to the wild, then remote north again.

"It was quite an adventure," reminisced Mr. Bottum. "When I left the first year I weighed 85 pounds, but when I returned after two years in the north, I tipped the scales at 140. All they ever gave us to eat was bread, blackstrap molasses and fat pork. It took me a long time to get used to that pork and the tea we were given to drink was even worse."

Some of his summers, Mr. Bottum spent as purser on his father's boats. While still at school he began his career in the hardware trade. He worked after school and on Saturdays in the store owned by George Stetham, which had been originally built by J.E. Edwards. After he completed his schooling , and became manager of the store and finally its owner.

As a lifelong resident of Bobcaygeon he was able to recount many interesting details of the community's growth and changes. The village grew around Boyd's lumber mill which was built in 1834 by Thomas Need on the site where the information booth now stands. In 1844 it was taken over by Mossom Boyd. A second mill was built where the powerhouse now stands in 1868. "It was a real lumberman's town in those days," recounted Mr. Bottum. "I can remember when there were five hotels in Bobcaygeon."

Before the incorporation of the village in 1876, the northern section of what is now Bobcaygeon was known as Rokeby. In 1904, the local Electric Power Commission took over the site of Boyd's mill and lumbering ceased to be the village's major industry. Since that time Bobcaygeon has steadily developed into a tourist centre.

Mr. Bottum also recalled that the first real hotel was called 'Forest House.' The first automobile to make an appearance in Bobcaygeon was a Ford owned by Jack Kenny.

According to Miss Dorothe Comber, local historian, Mr. Bottom has played a major part in the development of Bobcaygeon and the Kawartha district as a tourist area. At the time when Muskoka was beginning to prove a great tourist attraction he and Charles Stewart, the editor of the Big Island, the village newspaper, went to the Indian Reserve on Chemong Lake to find a name for the district. The name given to them by the Indians was 'Kawatha,' which later, due to an error, became Kawartha. This name was presented to all the municipal councils who were asked to use it in their advertising. It was accepted and form that time on the Kawartha district has stood in its own right as a tourist area.

"Our cottage on Nogie's Island was the second one built on Pigeon Lake, and now there are more than 400 cottages," stated Mr. Bottum.

Has gone to hunting camp every year but one for the past 27 years. Two years ago, he shot a buck. He spends his summers at his other summer cottage at Chemong Lake where he still operates both an inboard and outboard motorboat and paddles a canoe. In the winter, he returns to the family home on Front Street.

An ardent curler, Mr. Bottum was a member of two rinks that won the Dominion tankard in 1884. Since then he has been made an honorary member of the Ontario Curling Association.

Mr. Bottum has many other claims to fame in his community. He is the oldest living resident of Bobcaygeon who was born in that community. Three generations of his family have been wardens of Victoria County and reeves of Bobcaygeon—his father, himself and his son, Roy. He is a past district grand deputy master of the Masonic Lodge, honorary president of the Verulam Agricultural Society, honorary president of the Bobcaygeon Curling Society and honorary president of the Verulam Cemetery committee.

He has been a member of Christ Church (Anglican) ever since it was built and has held the post of church warden.

These numerous activities did not keep Mr. Bottum from travelling. He has visited the west coast and has travelled as far south as Mexico and southeast to New York.

In 1886, he married the former Emily Armstrong, who died in 1934. Mr. Bottum has two sons, Roy and Claude and one daughter, Mrs. B.E. Kelly, all of Bobcaygeon; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Today, more than 100 relatives and friends will be present at a birthday celebration for Mr. Bottum. Out of town guests are expected from Montreal, Belleville, Lindsay and Peterborough. At the end of the interview, Mr. Bottum said good bye, hopping into his 1929 Essex car and returned to his summer cottage.

Kinmount Kids at Kinmount's 150th Sesquicentennial

On April Students from Ridgewood Public School dressed as pioneers to read the following excerpts about pioneer life at Kinmount's 150th Anniversary Celebration at Kinmount Post Office on April 1, 2009. They stood on the top platform of the entrance with umbrellas And read to the tremendous crowd huddled under umbrellas.

Rules for Teachers 1872

Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual tastes of the pupils.
Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to Church regularly. After ten hours in school the teachers should spend their remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
Women teachers who marry or engage in uncomely conduct will be dismissed.
Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barbershop, will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.
The teacher who performs his labours faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in his pay providing the Board of Education approves.

read by Alayha Crego & Taylor Smith.

A Student's Life

The following list describes some of the daily activities that took place in a one-room school.
If you misbehave in class, you must wear a dunce cap.
"Make you manners" to your teacher every morning.
Help with routine chores such as cleaning the blackboards.
Study the three R's, history, geography and other subjects.
Write neatly with quill pens and ink.
Begin school when the bell rings.
Learn lessons with children of all ages in one classroom.
Take a morning and afternoon recess break.
Play games such as hide and seek, leapfrog, or dodge ball during breaks.
read by Cameryn Shaw

Above: On October 10, 2009 Kinmount citizens gathered at the Railway Station for this town photo.

Right: Kinmount Artist Brenda Mulholland working on the Mural she created on the south side of the Kinmount Post Office. The mural was unveiled May 30, 2009.

The town website kinmount.ca was created in 2009 as part of the 150th birthday celebrations. The Mural was unveiled in May 2009.

At kinmount.ca 2 videos were added to the website.

The Ballad of Kinmount features a poetic history of Kinmount. Kinmount, A Community Celebrates features a year in the town of Kinmount.

Both videos are also available on You Tube.

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Vimy Ridge Day 2026 is Thursday, April 9, marking the 109th anniversary of the historic 1917 World War I battle where all four Canadian divisions fought together for the first time. It is a national day of remembrance for the over 10,600 Canadian casualties, featuring ceremonies and half-mast flags on the Canadian flag on the Peace Tower in Ottawa. Wreath-laying ceremonies occur at the Canadian National War Memorial in Ottawa and the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France.

VIMY RIDGE DAY APRIL 9

Have you heard about our Pot of Gold draw? Here's how it works!

Each week, members of Branch 441, in good standing can sign their name in the book between Sunday and Saturday before the Meat Roll at 5:30 PM.
Sign the book (in person only)
Pay $1
Be entered for your chance to win!
The 50/50 pot starts at $100 — which means the first winner takes home $50!
Every time someone signs the book, their $1 gets added to the pot — so it keeps growing each week!

• A membership number is drawn at random.
• If that member signed the book that week, they win the Pot of Gold!
• If their number is drawn but they did not sign the book, the pot carries over to the next week and continues to grow.

Important reminders:
• You must sign in physically at the Legion (no phone-ins or sign-ins by others).
• Members can sign in once per week only.

It's simple, fun, and a great way to support the Legion while having a chance to win a little extra gold! 💛

Make sure to sign in before the Meat Roll and good luck to everyone!

WEEKLY EVENTS
Monday Bid Euchre 1pm $3
Wednesday Mixed Darts 7:30pm
Friday Chair Yoga 10 -11 am
Bingo 6:45pm Doors open 5pm
Saturday Meat Draw 5pm
Doors open 3pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Lunch & Learn 12 - 1:30 March 11
Karaoke 7pm March 14
Caeser Sunday 3 - 6pm March 22
All You Can Eat Breakfast 8:30 - noon Sunday March 29

In the Lions Den *By J.C. LaGrange*

Our 3rd Kinmount Lions Euchre Tournament is on March 22 at the Kinmount Legion.

We are planning our Easter Hop. The Easter Bunny will be here on April 4 for a fun morning with the kids.

We are looking for new members, and I have once again heard somebody reply to an invitation to join our Kinmount Lions with "I'd love too, but I have no time because of work and family commitments. The kids would need a babysitter and that is expensive."
But joining a Lions Club offers a rare win-win scenario for your family: you gain a supportive close-knit group of like-minded friends while providing your children with a living example in empathy and volunteering. The Kinmount & District Lions Club are open to families and bringing kids to meeting and service activities is a welcome opportunity. At meetings, we can have a member keep them busy and older kids could even surprise us adults by joining in the discussions and volunteering. At activities, they can join their parents by helping out as they are able. This can be life changing, as not only do they learn the value and joy of community service, but they build a resumé of service that can be valuable in their adulthood. When kids see their parents wearing a yellow vest or our red club shirts to flip pancakes at an event, sell tickets, or help collect e-waste they learn that they are part of something larger than just another group of friends. This firsthand exposure to service teaches them resourcefulness, gratitude, and builds the "civic muscle" required to solve problems rather than just complain about them. By involving your family in Lions projects, you are not just checking off a volunteer requirement for their school; you are raising a generation of leaders who understand that true fulfillment comes from leaving their community a little better than they found it.
Join our Lions club and enjoy the good times, great food, and meaningful community service! Should you be interested in learning more about what we do, we invite you to come out to one of our dinner meetings and participate in one of our activities to determine if we are a good fit. Please feel free to contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for more details. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm with our dinner meetings usually held on the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together to help our community. Always follow the Kinmount & District Lions Club Facebook page for more information on current and upcoming events.

The Kinmount Lions Easter Hop is Saturday April 4. 8:30 - 11
Fun, Pancakes, treats Raffle Baskets and The Easter Bunny!

Watch their Facebook page and check around town for further details.

Haliburton

The Haliburton District Community of Special Olympics Ontario has 35 registered athletes. That compete in sports such as bowling, curling, golf, bocce, and other activities are shuffleboard, dances, dinners, annual awards. All these activities depend on dedicated volunteers. For more information contact wingrovekg@gmail.com

Above: Kinmount resident Trevour Brauer, a member of the Haliburton Red Wolves, helped decorate Special Olympics Donuts at the Minden Tim Hortons location on Feb. 1. Left: Trevor gets ready to take a bite of his donut.

The Galwegians *by Bill Lee*

Galway Hall has added more events to its 2026 booking calendar. For events and activities, check out our Face Book page and our website (www.galwayhall.ca). The month of March has the Canadian Firearms Safety Course wrapping up one course March 1st and holds another course March 28 and March 29.
On March7, the Victoria Pony Club is hosts its annual event at 5 pm. On Saturday, March14, Galway Hall presents the Celtic group, "Pint of Blarney." This is a perfect opportunity to 'Get Your Green On', leading up to St. Patrick's Day. Doors and a cash bar open at 6:30 pm. The music and fun begins at 7 pm.
The 'Galway Girls' Line Dancing group continues every Wednesday in March, at 10 am. Tai Chi practice takes place Mondays and Thursdays in March, also starting at 10 am. Euchre is March 13 and March 27, both start af 7 pm
.
Did you feel the earth move on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 10:59 pm? A 3.7 magnitude earthquake was recorded ESE of Orillia near Brechin. It was 5 kilometers below the earth's surface. It is not typical for our area to have any seismic activity. We are in an intraplate region in the middle of the North American plate. This 3.7 magnitude quake may have been triggered by regional stress fields or old buried fault lines that reactivated along zones with crustal weakness. Pressure can build up over time near these old faults or buried cracks, also called 'crackles'. These small seismic events are known as 'snap, crack, pop' earthquakes. Over 2 000 people reported feeling the rumbling. Calls came in from Kitchener, Toronto, Belleville and Niagara Falls.

Well, are we weary from the snow and from the cold yet? Or, are we just tired from talking about the snow and the cold. During one of our cold snaps recently, CBC radio carried a feature on capotes. A capote is a historic (Metis, fur trade era), knee-length, wrap style, wool coat with a deep hood. Capotes were made from heavy wool blankets (like Hudson's Bay point blankets) for warmth and moisture resistance. Did you know that wool blankets become warmer after each time they are washed and dried? According to the capote workshop leaders, the washing and the drying reduces the air spaces in the wool fabric. These 'blanket coats' are often secured with a sash. They were and still can be decorated/customized with fringes, beadwork, embroidery, and quillwork. The one workshop leader being interviewed claimed that she could only wear her capote when the temperatures were really cold because these blanket coats are that warm. I'm thinking that this person is rocking her capote quite a bit this winter.

Canada's Original Peoples noted that winter was a time of rest for all creatures. This has been the case so far this winter. On my morning walks, there have not been many nature sounds. The woods are very quiet. Occasionally, I've heard a pileated woodpecker but not during the cold snaps. One bird that continually will break this silence is the raven. Usually, it is a single raven but sometimes there may be two (which causes more noise). One morning, I was fortunate to watch eight ravens do a 'fly-past' over me as I walked along East Clear Bay Road. A group of ravens is called a conspiracy of ravens or an unkindness of ravens. The term conspiracy conjures images of shadowy meetings and whispered secrets. Ravens have been associated with prophecy, trickery, and wisdom across the northern hemisphere. The term unkindness reflects how ravens were received in older European folklore: as harbingers of death and bad omens. Conspiracy and unkindness are two words that highlight the ravens' mysterious image in the natural and human culture. Animal tracks have also not been too plentiful. I did luck out on the first week of February to see evidence of an otter 'slide' on West Clear Bay Road. The otter had come from the bush, slid down the one snow bank onto the road and crossed the road, climbed up the other snow bank, slid down the back side of that bank, and made its way towards Clear Bay. Better than tracks, Kathy and I actually saw a deer standing on West Clear Bay Road at the end of our laneway. This deer chose to use the road for travelling instead of going through the deep snows. In our vehicle, we followed it for over half a kilometer before it did a sharp right off Clear Bay Road and went into the woods.

As Galwegians, let us all raise a 'Slainte' toast to the Irish roots of our township's early settlers this March. Irish quotes and blessings are noted for their warmth, wit, and wisdom. Often, these quotes focus on friendship, nature and resilience. Traditional Irish music has many kinds of songs-drinking songs, ballads, and laments. Irish dance music includes reels, hompipes, and jigs.
Search the internet for Irish quotes or for Irish music and the examples seem endless. Here are some quotes illustrating the warmth, wit and wisdom of the Irish.
"There's no hearth like your own hearth."
"Let's get shamrocked!"
"An Irishman can be worried by the consciousness that there is nothing to worry about."
"Always remember that hindsight is the best insight to foresight."
"It's summertime in Ireland when the rain grows warmer."
"A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find, but lucky to have."
"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures."
"If you're lucky enough to be Irish… You're lucky enough!"
"What butter and whiskey won't cure, there is no cure."
"For every petal in the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day."
In lieu of another quote to finish March's article, here is an Irish definition instead.
"Pubs- The official sun block of Ireland."

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The Happy Gardener *by Lee Ann Hobson*

Last month's column was about how to grow patio container tomatoes. Growing tomatoes at home is very popular because of their superior flavour compared to store bought. Container gardening is easy, senior friendly and very economical.
In this column we will look into buying seeds and soil for our pots. Now would be a good time to shop for tomato seeds. Remember to make sure you have "determinate " in the description. Seeds should be started in small individual containers with a starter soil mix around mid April. Dollar stores are a great source for seed starter kits. If you can find a fellow gardener to share the above costs even better. Of course another idea is to purchase tomato seedlings from a garden centre. However it is sometimes difficult to determine whether the variety you buy is a determinate plant. Purchasing good potting soil is a must. The initial cost may seem exorbitant but this soil can be used again next year with just a bit of maintenance. Don't use garden soil because it will almost certainly contain weed seeds. Amend the soil with a bit of compost. The compost will add nutrients and help with water absorption and retention. Fill one quarter of the pit with compost and the rest with potting soil. Mix well.
We will continue our patio planter journey in April's column.

I Hope everyone remembers
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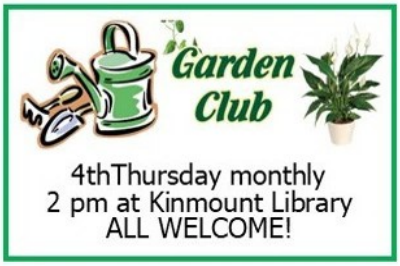

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Kinmount Artisans Marketplace *by Lynne Kilby*

.Happy 100th Birthday to member Ruth MacBrien!!!

Ruth is one of our founding members. A birthday celebration for Ruth was held at Minden Bible Church January 31. All were invited to attend. We deeply regret we were not aware of this until after her birthday, but we send Ruth our most sincere, heart-felt belated birthday wishes. Ruth's tatting talents are on display and available for purchase in our shop. Read very interesting articles about Ruth's 100 years of life available online in the Minden Times and the Haliburton Highlander.

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SHOP LOCAL

Easter is coming, Good Friday is April 3.
We have items galore to choose from if you are looking for something to celebrate Easter with.
Hop along in to check them out!

Kids' Corner A Turtle's Journey

One day, Mica the Musk Turtle decided that she needed to find somewhere to lay her eggs. But she was in a wetland and there was no where safe to lay her eggs, so she set out on a journey. As Mica began walking out of the water and onto land, she spotted a very large bird. "Oh no!" she thought to herself, "That bird could pick me up and take me away." So Mica decided to walk a little faster and find a bush to hide under.

Then, all of a sudden, Mica saw the bird fly above her. "Ahhhh!" Mica said out loud as she tucked her head, arms, legs, and tail into her shell. Now safe within her shell Mica waited a couple minutes until she knew the bird would be gone. Mica poked her head out from her shell to make sure she was safe and she was.

Mica began walking on land again. She had a feeling, like a tingle in her tummy, that she was headed in the right direction to find a nest for her eggs. Mica came across a large open field. She thought to herself, "well this doesn't seem too bad, I'll take my time crossing here".

Then, all of a sudden, a large group of kids ran past Mica while kicking a soccer ball. Mica tucked back into her shell, scared of being accidently kicked by a child. So, she waited in her shell for some time until she knew the kids would be gone.

An hour later Mica began walking across the field. She noticed that all the people had left so she was perfectly safe to go across the field. Mica noticed, however, that the sky was no longer blue. It was instead a beautiful orange colour. This meant that nighttime was near. Mica, determined as ever, continued her journey.

She eventually came upon this hill with bright lights flashing by. As she climbed the hill she noticed that the bright lights came and went very fast, but she wasn't too sure what they could be. She continued forward – then all of a sudden there was a big and a pair of bright lights on something moving went over top of her. Mica scared of what it could be went into her shell. Every once in a while Mica could hear another WHOOSH over top of her and the ground rumble beneath her. Then, something wonderful happened. Mica felt a pair of hands around her shell. A kind person has come to help Mica cross the road. Mica poked her head out of her shell, still a little frightened, but relieved to have the help. Once safely across, Mica continued on her way and eventually found the perfect nest for her eggs.

This story was from the Turtle Guardian's website.

Turtles will be crossing roads soon.

Coboconk RCL Poster Contest Winner!!!

Congratulations to Kinmount resident Jo Elder for her 1st place winning entry in the Coboconk Legion's Branch level of the Remembrance Day Poster Contest! Good job Jo!
We hope to feature a photo of Jo's poster as soon as it is available.
Jo's poster now advances to the 2nd stage of competition at the Zone F4 level. Good luck Jo!
Prior to the closing of Kinmount Public School, Branch 441, Kinmount Legion, held a Remembrance Dy Poster Contest. The contest continues at Legion Branches where schools located.

It's Story TiME

1st Tuesday monthly
10:30am

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All Aboard *by Ron Claridge*

Welcome Aboard!

THE TRAVELING DENTAL CAR!

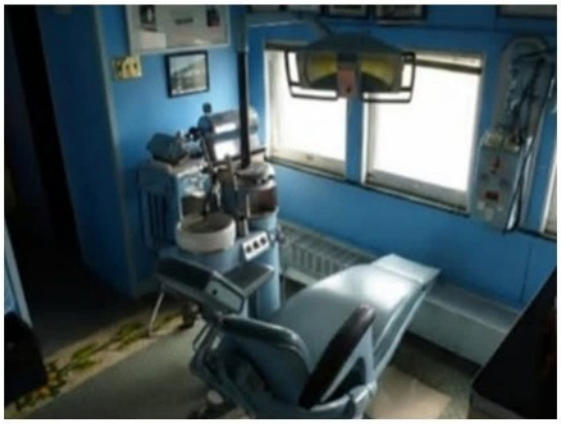
One of the most curious and necessary train cars in Canadian railway history is a Canadian National heavyweight sleeper car 15095, built in 1913. What makes this car curious is that it was converted in 1951 into a dental car. The bedrooms in the car were remade into living quarters for a travelling dentist, a dental office and a nurse's room, the men's smoking lounge was transformed into a kitchen. The car kept most of the rich mahogany features when it was converted in 1951 and owed its new lease on life to the Ontario government, which introduced a program in the 1930s to provide free dental care to children in remote communities in Northern Ontario, many of which were connected to the outside world by the Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Ontario Northland main lines or other northern subdivisions (think of towns like Sioux Lookout, Capreol, Kapuskasing or Cochrane).

Children would enter one end, be treated in the dental office halfway down the length of the car before exiting the other end. The dental car travelled with an accompanying car that stored the dental supplies. This car had three options for its power supply. It could receive power from a train consist, a generator or directly from the hydro grid. The dental car would also serve adults, for a fee.

The car served as a travelling dental car before being retired in 1977. Shortly after, it was preserved in Toronto and was on display there before it was acquired in 1990 by the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario located in Smiths Falls Ontario.

Left: Converted sleeper car CN15095

Right: Dental Office in the train



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When the Gazette began in April 2009 we needed funds for printing and mailing to residents.

A Spaghetti Dinner and Auction was held as a Fundraiser for the Gazette at the Kinmount Legion.

The Legion's Ladies Auxiliary prepared and served the meal and Doug Pearson was the Auctioneer.

A substantial amount of funds were raised thanks to Doug's talents. supporters were entertained and community spirit was shared by all!

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CONGRATULATIONS!
Hayden Oakley & Jenna Gray on the birth of their daughter Laylah!

Give your High Five by Friday, March 20 for the April issue
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A photo of a young Keith Stata, creator and owner of Highlands Cinemas. As a young boy Keith was always fascinated by the movies. He made his dream come true with his unique theatre that features 5 cinemas and a movie museum in his hometown of Kinmount! The theatre has attained international Fame known around the world. Keith was also awarded the King Charles III Coronation medal in 2025. How amazing is that?

A Canadian documentary about Keith called "The Movie Man" was released in 2024. It tells the story about Keith's dedication to his life's work. If you haven't seen it be sure to check it out!

Snapped - A Moose Visits the Simpsons

Much thanks to Kinmount Resident Terry Simpson who snapped this photo of a moose on his property located just outside of town. Terry says the moose came by to visit once before this and was seen by he and wife Brenda, laying down beside the house. They call the moose "The friendly moose".

However, Moose can be unpredictable and dangerous so never get too close. It is recommended to stay at least 120 ft away.

While not typically aggressive, they are not afraid of humans and will defend their territory or young, often charging when threatened.

Food Fanatic *by Michelle Barkwell*

Cinnamon Twists

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 egg
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Heat oven to 375F. Mix sugar, butter, vanilla and egg in large bowl. Stir in flour, baking powder, and salt.
Divide dough in half; stir in cinnamon into 1 half.
Shape 1 level teaspoonful of dough from each half into 3-inch rope. Place ropes side by side; twist gently. Repeat with remaining dough. Place twists about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until very light brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool on wire rack.
About 4 dozen cookies

Applesauce Snack Cake

1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
A1 cup packed brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup applesauce
1/3 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup water
1/3 cup vegetable oil
Heat oven to 350F.
Mix flour, brown sugar, allspice, baking soda and salt with fork in ungreased square pan, 8x8x2 inches.
Mix in remaining ingredients except Apple Cider Sauce.
Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

Apple Cider Sauce

1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup apple cider or orange juice
2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
Heat all ingredients to rolling boil in heavy 1 1/2-quart saucepan over high heat stirring constantly; reduce heat slightly. Boil 3 minutes, stirring frequently. (Watch carefully; mixture burns easily.) Refrigerate any remaining sauce.

HAVE A RANDOM RECIPE ?
When space permits we will print both the Food Fanatic and your recipe!

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From the KDHSF *by Sue Butts*

As I write this, it is still February with lots of snow still on the ground. It has been a great old fashion winter with lots of winter sports, great for our health and the economy. Hope you got out and enjoyed it.
I am just arriving home from a second very successful Healthy Living Lunch and Learn.

I want to acknowledge and thank, Kawartha Financial Services for the Grant we received from their Community Involvement Program. This grant money will help provide the food for our Healthy Living Lunch and Learn.
Please see below for the upcoming dates and topics.

The Kinmount Health Services Foundation is dedicated to bringing topics of interest to the community. One topic that has been suggested and top of mind is Mental Health Services.
We have initiated talks with Jack Veitch from Lindsey CMHA. We hope to tap into programs and initiatives that can be brought to the community. On this note we want to draw your attention to the Walk In Mental Health Clinic at the Minden Urgent Care site. This clinic runs every Thursday from 9-3, offering support for individuals 16 and over.
If you are in crisis one of the simplest way is call the hotline 988.

March brings spring, with themes of renewal and awareness.
May we all be aware of our friends and neighbours needs. Be kind and helpful wherever we can.

Healthy Living Lunch and Learn 2026

The cost is by donation,
No registration required.

March 11th 12:00 noon -1:30.
Topic; Frauds and Scams
Presenter: Peterborough OPP
Lunch : Quiche, salad and dessert.

April 8th 12:00-1:30
Topic: what your Pharmacist Can Do
Presenter: Sam Iskandar.
Lunch: Chicken Stew, biscuits and dessert.

May 13th 12:00-1:30
Topic: What does a PSW Do
Presenter: Danielle Turpin.
Executive Director, Home Care workers Cooperative.
Lunch: Cold Lunch and dessert.

We have had good turn outs so far. We look forward to seeing you!

We may pause Lunch and Learn through the summer then start again in the fall. Stay tuned for updates.

If you have any suggestions for future topics for the KDHSF to consider, for Healthy Living Lunch and Learns, Please contact us at our website kdhsf@kdhc.ca

We would love to hear from you!

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If you live in the Kinmount area and need a Family Doctor, or Nurse Practitioner it is important to register with Health Care Connect. You can call 811 or 1-800-445-1822, Or visit Ministry of Health website. Ontario.ca/health811. We are asking you to do this even if you are on the KDHC wait list.

We have great services at our Health Center so don't forget to utilize the Health Centre for your Dental, Physio, Foot Care and Pharmacy needs.

We are committed to our ongoing physician recruitment efforts.

The Kinmount District Health Centre website is Kdhc.ca

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Harvesting Ice

In the days before electric refrigerators, the common method of cooling in summertime was iceboxes. These fore runners of the modern fridge had a box at the top that held a block of ice. The principles of physics states cold air sinks, so a refrigerated box was placed underneath. Items like milk, meats and anything else that needed refrigeration, was placed here during the warmer summer months. A new block of ice was needed every few days to keep the stuff cool.
Thus, there was a market for blocks of ice during the warm months.
A popular job in the winter months was the harvesting of such blocks of ice. They were simply cut from the frozen surfaces of any of the lakes or rivers, The typical ice block was 12-18 inches, so once the lake ice attained this depth, locals would begin the harvest. Special saws were used to cut the ice into blocks. The blocks were then removed
with ice-tongs and loaded on sleighs. They were taken to the nearest railway station for shipment to city markets or were stored in special ice houses for local use. The ice houses were usually sunk into the ground. Sawdust, plentiful from the local sawmills, was packed around the blocks and the building sealed. The sawdust was a great insulator and kept the ice intact through most of the year.
When needed the blocks were dug out and delivered to homes & businesses.
The ice harvest provided some badly needed winter employment for local men. Blocks of ice continued to be in demand until the 1940s when electric refrigerators (and freezers) became readily available.

Ice Safety: Your Safety Matters!
Ice Fishing Huts in this area were to be removed by March 1 in 2026. Leaving a hut on lakes after this date is an offence.

Snowmobiling on lakes is recommended to cease by mid March.

Time to Get Your Garden Thinking Cap On!

Save the Date!

The Friends of Kinmount Library are happy to support the Garden Club's Seedy Saturday Event. Along with the Friends both groups support our Kinmount Library programs.
A large majority in the Garden Club are also in the Friends of the Library Group. The 2 groups work well together for the same cause!

Many years ago the Friends created a Reading Garden behind the Library. The Friends are grateful to the Garden Club who now maintain the garden.
The Garden Club maintains beautifying the area in front of the library as well.
Their outstanding knowledge and energy are beyond priceless!

Welcome to the KINMOUNT Garden Club's 3rd annual Seedy Saturday

SEEDY SATURDAY

April 18, 2026

At the Kinmount Library

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
or while supplies last

- Pick up some vegetable seeds
- We also have flower seeds
- Get growing tips
- Ask a Master Gardener
- Buy some books
- Craft Corner for the kids

ALL BY DONATION
Proceeds go to Library Programs

Around the Fire Hall *by Katie Dukelow*

As March unfolds and we begin to feel the promise of spring in the air, it is also a good time to prepare for the unexpected. The anniversary of the ice storm that significantly impacted Kawartha Lakes last year is approaching. That storm left many communities without power, created hazardous conditions, and disrupted daily life for households across the municipality. It also served as an important reminder of why emergency preparedness matters.

Emergency preparedness is not about expecting something bad to happen. It is about planning ahead so you and your family are ready if something does happen. Whether it is severe weather, extended power outages, flooding, or other unexpected events, having a basic plan in place can help reduce stress and improve safety.

A good starting point is understanding the risks that can affect our region. The City of Kawartha Lakes provides valuable local emergency preparedness information, including common hazards and practical planning guidance. Residents can find these resources by visiting **kawarthalakes.ca/emergency-management**.

One of the most important steps in preparedness is assembling a 72-hour emergency kit. This kit should contain essential items that allow your household to remain self-sufficient for at least three days. Basic supplies typically include bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, a first-aid kit, medications, phone chargers or power banks, and copies of important documents.

Preparedness is not only about supplies. It is also about having a plan. Take time to discuss emergency procedures with your household. Know how you would stay warm during a winter power outage. Identify a safe meeting place if you needed to leave your home. Ensure family members know how to contact one another if communication systems are disrupted. Writing down your plan and reviewing it regularly can make a meaningful difference during a stressful situation.

Residents can also access Ontario-specific emergency preparedness guidance through the Government of Ontario at **ontario.ca/emergency-preparedness**. These resources provide practical tools to help families build kits, create plans, and better understand how to respond during different types of emergencies.

Emergencies are unpredictable, but preparation is within our control. Taking small, practical steps today can help your household respond more confidently tomorrow. Consider using this month as a reminder to check your emergency kit, update your household plan, and talk with your family about what to do if services are disrupted.

Stay safe, Kinmount.

Councillor's Corner *by Pat Warren* Ward 2 COKL

It has been a very snowy season allowing people to enjoy winter sports or a good time to read some good books.

Spring is around the corner and with that, planting a garden may come to mind. Bee City Kawartha Lakes is launching the Bee a Hero Contest to promote pollinator gardens. Also, do you know an environmental hero who you can nominate. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Calling all students looking for summer jobs, both CKL and Kawartha Conservation are looking to hire.

The city has upgraded their website, have a visit http://www.kawarthalakes.ca

Residents can use the site to report issues, view council meetings and access services like waste management, property taxes and licensing.

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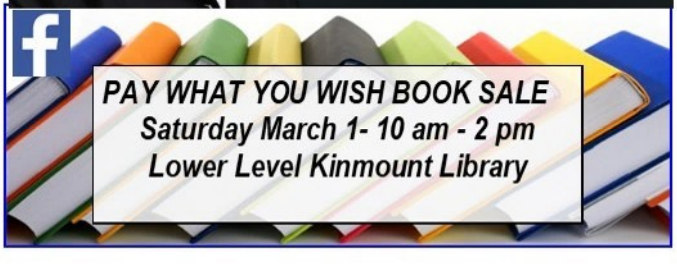

The Library Link *by Shannon Bain*

March Break fun at the Kinmount Library Branch:
March Break Balloon Twister!!
Tues. March 17 from 11 am to 12:30 pm
Join us at the Kinmount Library branch for this special event! Balloon Twister Matthew will be on hand creating balloon animals, flowers, and custom balloon creations. Watch the balloons come to life. Fun for the whole family, this event is generously sponsored by the Friends of Kinmount Library. Thank you, Friends!

Make it! Painted Bag
Thurs. March 19 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Paint your own tote bag – perfect for carrying all of your favourite library books! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy, as paint will be used. This program is designed for school-aged children. All supplies provided.

Make it! DIY Puzzle
Sat. March 21 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Get creative and design your very own puzzle! You will receive blank puzzle pieces to decorate with your own drawings, patterns, or messages. Then mix up the pieces and see if you can put your masterpiece back together again. All supplies provided. Drop in anytime during the program hours. No registration required. This program is designed for school-aged children.

What else is happening at the Kinmount Branch this March?
Storytime in Kinmount - Tuesday, March 3 from 10:30 am to 11:00 am.
Conversational Spanish – Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. All levels welcome.
Beginner Ukulele – Every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. No experience necessary. Ukuleles on hand to loan for those without an instrument.
Adult Craft & Connect – Tuesday, March 10 from 2 to 3 pm. Create a mug to inspire your creativity. Choose from pre-cut vinyl designs and press your own custom mug. Whether you're making a gift or treating yourself, we'll guide you through the process. This program is open to adults of all skill levels. Registration required.
Garden Group – Thursday March 26 from 2 pm to 3 pm
Hope to see you at the library soon!

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Friends of Kinmount Library *by Lynne Kilby*

We had a fantastic turnout for our $5 a Bag Black Dot Book Sale Feb 21. Usually a February Sale is not that well attended.
We plan to make this an annual event.
We are always looking for friends to join our group and students who need community hours. Speak to Shannon for info and watch our facebook page.

March Break!
Free Child Program
Balloon Twister
March
Tuesday
17
Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm
Kinmount Branch
Join us at the Kinmount Library branch this March Break for a special guest visitor! Balloon Twister Matthew will be on hand creating balloon animals, flowers, and custom balloon creations. Watch the balloons come to life and take home a one-of-a-kind design.
Fun for the whole family! This event is generously sponsored by the Kinmount Friends of the Library.
Please note due to popular demand there is no guarantee every child will receive a balloon.

Digging out Colborne St. Fenelon Falls

Until the advent of trucks and then tractors with loaders, the mechanized removal of snow was not practical. In the 1930s, buying a truck was a significant investment, but they were becoming common for businesses that involved moving bulky items—for instance logging. Early trucks were fitted up with plows, but they were not always large or heavy enough to push their way through drifts—in that era, winters tended to be colder and snowier than they are today. By the 1940s, bulldozers were being used to level land for construction, but could also be used to clear snow from roads, if they were becoming impassable. Tractors with hydraulic loaders did not become common until after the Second World War. Until hydraulic equipment became available, practically all snow would sit not very far from where it fell until it melted.

In villages like Fenelon Falls, shopkeepers kept the sidewalks clear in front of their store. When a snowstorm dumped a huge quantity of snow, it was time for everyone to get out the shovels! In the early twentieth century, snow was typically cleared with steel square-mouthed shovels and it took a lot of digging to clear a snow drift. Snow was piled on the edge of the street and over the course of a winter huge mounds could build up. In town, passageways were cut through the mounds to facilitate access to the (wooden) sidewalks. At times, sleighing down the main street of Fenelon Falls could be like travelling through a tunnel.

Up to the mid twentieth century, even the main street of town had a tendency to be muddy when it rained, so having the ground freeze with a bit of snow made travel easier. The snow covered all the ruts, tree stumps and stones. It was easier for a horse to pull a sleigh than a wagon or buggy of the same weight because there was less resistance gliding over an ice-packed surface. When there had been a significant snowfall or significant drifting, roads could become impassible to sleighs, and travellers would have to travel across farm fields to get through. This might entail stopping to take down a rail fence to make a way through, and then putting the rail fence back up. It was also cold travelling in a sleigh, so many farm families did not make it to town as often in winter as in other seasons.

The original photograph was taken in front of Alvin Gould's drugstore. This shop has been a drug store since W.T. Junkin opened it in 1888. Alvin Gould was encouraged to become a pharmacist as a young man to help his father's medical practice. He was the pharmacist in this location 1911 until he drowned after falling through the ice crossing the Fenelon River on his way to his home at 29 Oak Street in 1946. Today the MacArthur Drug Store is operated by Raafat and Sherif Ibrahim.

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Kinmount Heritage Centre - Farmerettes—Homefront Heroes *by Janice Stange*

The Trent Lakes Historical Society is planning to do some research with the Royal Canadian Legion in town. This reminds us of the sacrifices made on our behalf and also how everyday life was affected by the Wars. Our parents may have lived through those times of rationing and food uncertainty. Cooking changed, farming changed as the workforce changed. Victory gardens and bonds were all the rage. Many who would remember these days are no longer with us. In 1942, the Great Fire ravaged downtown Kinmount. The lack of young men may even have contributed to the devastation that occurred on that windy April day.

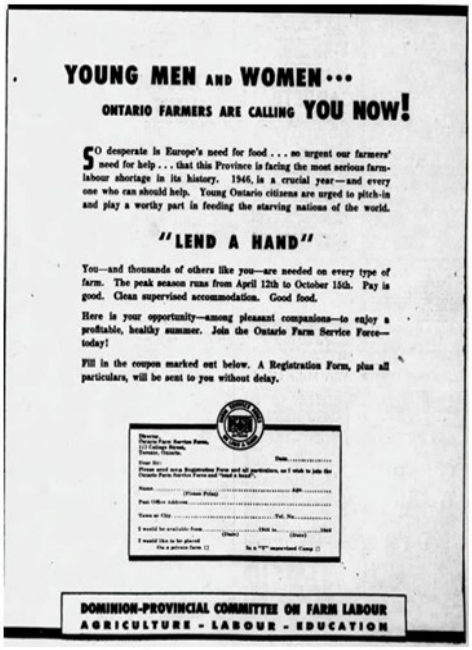
Young girls were attracted to larger centers to work in jobs that ordinarily would have been done by men. An example is Horn Brothers in Lindsay. These employers and the women who stepped up, soon found that they could be as capable as the men they were replacing. It is important to remember that this was 2 or 3 decades before the 'women's movement'. Women had only obtained the right to vote and own property about 2 or 3 decades before.

There are 17 names of fallen soldiers on the Kinmount Cenotaph. A check on the Ancestry website of military records shows about 248 volunteer soldiers who were born in the Kinmount area. What a life we enjoy because of them!!

Watch for screenings of a new film called 'We lend a hand' around Ontario communities this year, and rumour has it that it will be presented at the Heritage Complex at Kinmount Fair!! We are lucky to live in a time where some media artists can bring the past to life, like how times on the war homefront were.

From 'We lend a hand' FB page: "From 1941-1952 the Farmerettes were high school aged girls, who planted, hoed, thinned, sprayed, staked, detasseled and harvested the fruit and vegetables in Southern Ontario when the men had left farm labour jobs to enlist for service to fight for our freedom. On market garden farms and in orchards in Southern Ontario and the Niagara Peninsula the Farmerettes volunteered through a government program called the Ontario Farm Service Force. Until recently their service has been largely unknown. The publication of the book titled, 'Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz Memories of Ontario Farmerettes' has brought to light the service these young women offered and the success of the program. The Farmerette motto was "We Lend A Hand" and they were good to their word. When greater food production was requested by our Allies in 1943 - the Farmerettes stepped up and planted, hoed, thinned, sprayed, staked, detasseled and harvested the fruit and vegetables for the cause. And a second motto was born, "Farmerettes: Food For Victory in 1943."

Watch for more information in the April Gazette about the Farmerettes!!!



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Farmerette Song

(Tune: Solomon Levi)

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And whether its wet or fine
We're out on the land where we lend a hand
At work of any kind.
As labourers we'll finish the job
And we aim to do our best
We'll put the crop right over the top
We're the fighting Farmerettes
Here's to Canada, great and joyous abode
Good old Canada, we'll help to lighten your load.
(Repeat first part.)

—Camp Onslow.

Above is a Government ad asking for recruits to help with the 'post-war' effort, as they had done since 1941.

Fair Soldiers in Women's Land Army

THESE smiling girls in overalls are ready to give Canadian farmers a helping hand during the busy summer months. They are all members of the Ontario Women's Land Army, organized by a group of women who anticipated a shortage of farm labor with so many men being absorbed into war services. During the winter months, Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited provided the girls with a free and thorough course in the care and operation of modern farm tractors and implements and followed up with instruction in practical field work in the spring. More than 100 of these girls are already at work on Canadian farms. They seem to be happy about it all in the above photograph. Left to right: Amybel James, Barbara Dennett, June Hardy, Bernie Harris, Millicent Cobb, Kathryn Ironside and Helen Harris, all from Malvern Collegiate, Toronto.

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Spot the Shot

Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area.
We challenge you to identify the spot.
Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last month's Spot the Shot:
The Irondale Hotel

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From the Editor's Desk by Lynne Kilby

Filling in for Editor Guy Scott this month.
Happy 167th Anniversary Kinmount!
The Gazette began on April 1,2009, as apart of our sesquicentennial celebrations. We planned to run 16 editions bi-weekly but after receiving a tremendous response from our readers who wanted it to continue our staff of 4 volunteers, Guy Scott, myself, Jane Austin and Yvette Brauer agreed the pace of bi-weekly publishing was challenging to keep up with, Then we decided to become a monthly publication. Thankfully we had a few volunteers step up when Yvette eventually resigned. While Guy, Jane and I are still on the job, Mary Lou Ferguson and Janice Stange are welcome additions to our volunteer staff.

Kinmount held superb special celebrations for our 150th birthday. This year our friend and neighbour Bobcaygeon celebrates their sesquicentennial birthday in June. The Gazette will feature their celebration events and stories throughout the year.

The departure of Dr. Van Der Leden from the Kinmount Health Centre is unfortunate news for our community. More on that next month.

Congratulations to Team Canada for their very inspiring performance at the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Games! A total of 75 Canadian athletes earned medals. We are proud of all the athletes that participated in a job well done. The Paralympic Winter Games start March 6. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Paralympic Winter Games.
The Special Olympic 2026 Games in Canada run from August 11-15 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Good luck to all participants.
It has not been an easy winter, but spring is on the way! And along with it comes concerns for flooding and severe weather. I believe we are more aware and prepared to deal with these issues should they arrive. If not we should be.

The Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee holds its Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser Saturday, April 25 at Galway Hall. This fundraiser is a Win-Win benefit to the entire community of Kinmount. It funds beautification projects like the flowers that grace the downtown core along with many other special projects. If you can attend, you are guaranteed to have a fun delightful evening, a delicious dinner, scrumptious desserts and maybe bring home fantastic prizes. For tickets or to donate prizes, please contact Diane Austin at 705-928-2635.
No item is too small. Besides the Live Auction and Silent Auction, there is a Raffle Table. This event usually sells out quickly so make sure to get your tickets early!

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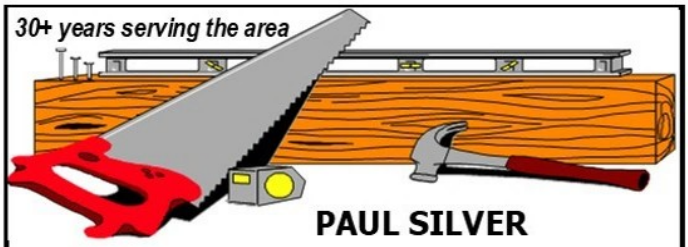

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